UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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For: County Offices

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Administrator's Physical Loss Notification N733 Approved by: State Executive Director 1 Overview Α The purpose of this notice is to advise those counties where Farm Service Agency **Purpose** (FSA) Emergency Loan Assistance (EM) is available to eligible family farmers and ranchers. If there are questions regarding this notice: В Contact County Offices shall contact Tom Howard, Farm Loan Programs Specialist, at 501-301-3035 or Email: tom.howard@ar.usda.gov 2 Action **Disaster Area** Effective January 30, 2003, the following Counties were designated as a natural disaster area due to damages and losses caused by ice, freeze, and freezing rain that occurred from December 2nd through December 5th 2002. Jackson Cleburne Stone Lawrence Van Buren **Fulton** White Independence Searcy **Izard** Sharp Continued on the next page Distribution **Disposal** All County Offices March 1, 2004

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2 Action (Continued)

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following additional counties are named as contiguous disaster counties:

Baxter	Faulkner	Poinsett
Boone	Greene	Pope
Conway	Lonoke	Prairie
Craighead	Marion	Randolph
Cross	Newton	Woodruff

B Application Processing

Emergency loan applications will be received through September 30, 2003, for **SEVERE PHYSICAL LOSSES ONLY**, and applications pending on that date may be processed and completed. EM loans will be made under 3-FLP Direct Loan Making.

This notification is coded N733.

Also, for the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in 3-FLP, paragraph171 when determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is December 2nd 2002.

Farm Loan Managers will ensure that the notification and coordination actions are taken. Designated counties and adjoining counties will send a copy of the attached news release to all media in the county. (See attached Exhibit 1)

C Filing Instructions

In offices with FmHA procedure, file this notice preceding 1945-D. Otherwise, file chronological order with FLP series notices.

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Arkansas Counties Eligible for USDA Emergency Farm Loans

Washington, D. C., January 30, 2003 -- Administrator James R. Little named the following Counties in Arkansas eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency (EM) physical loss loans due to damages and losses caused by ice, freeze, and freezing rain that occurred from December 2nd through December 5th 2003.

Cleburne

Jackson

Stone

Fulton

Lawrence

Van Buren

Independence

Searcy

White

Izard

Sharp

In addition to the above counties that are named as the primary disaster area, the following Arkansas counties are also eligible, because they are contiguous. Those counties are:

Baxter Boone Conway Craighead Cross Faulkner Greene Lonoke

Marion

Newton

Poinsett
Pope
Prairie
Randolph
Woodruff

Farmers in the disaster areas have until September 30th, 2003, to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. To be eligible, producers must have suffered severe physical losses, be able to repay the loan and any other loans, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate security.

Additional information regarding eligibility and other loan requirements may be obtained by contacting your local FSA county office. The Farm Service Agency is an Equal Opportunity Lender.